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My comments are:

I like the wildlife design aspects
Corridor Protection is fine, too But--

Beyond that I don't see any need to rush esp
with the cost. It should be the final
stage after the Beardstown Bridge is
replaced, at the end of its useful existence,

It doesn't save distance, and Macomb through
town and the University Drive / Power Rd, Routes
are fine. It's not like Jacksonville was, -a mess,

Finish 67 Macomb Jacksonville,
67 2 lane Beconst, North of Monmouth

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Then Beardstown Bridge

Peoria-McC

Mac By-Pass

That should be 2020+

That also seems to be the order of the
most economic impact, which is the reason to
do any of these projects

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Mr. David Wade
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Dear Mr. Wade:

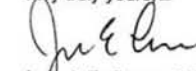
Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for the Macomb Bypass alignment in addition to approval of proposed animal crossings. You also mentioned your preference as to the sequence of construction for projects in the area.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint, which will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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Enclosure(s)

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Mr. Dana Roy Walker
315 North Madison Street
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Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you mention that the ten-day time limit for comments, as stated in the Public Hearing handout, is not enough time. Comments after the ten-day period, in addition to any comments during the project study, will still be considered and responded to.

You also expressed your opinion that the bypass has no travel time savings. According to the Department's traffic study utilizing a four-lane bypass with a 65 m.p.h. speed limit would save travel time in comparison to the in-town route where traffic signals, lower speed limits, and railroad crossings exist that would cause delays.

In regard to erosion control, the Department is committed to protecting the roadway and associated right-of-way, adjacent properties, and sensitive environmental and other resources from the effects of erosion. This commitment is reflected in the long-standing policies which require the use of temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures. These policies provide compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's regulations, Section 404 Permits issued by the Corps of Engineers, and similar commitments to protect resources made to the Illinois Protection Agency (EPA).

My comments are:

First of all, a 10 day limit on comments to become part of the official record is totally inadequate! What if someone is out of the area? A 30 day limit would be reasonable.

This bypass is not needed or practical and can not be justified in an honest cost/benefit analysis. It destroys prime farmland and damages wildlife habitat and water quality. It saves no travel time for U.S. Rt. 136 and increases travel distance about 6 miles. How in the world can we spend \$170 million of tax money on a project like this?

That being said, the wildlife crossings and mitigation appear to be generally well thought and well designed. It remains to be seen if adequate resource protection and erosion control would be provided during construction.

The only part of this bypass that makes some sense is the northeast section that would provide a direct route for U.S. Rt. 67 around Macomb. It would save a few minutes travel time. While it would have only a minor impact on wildlife habitat and the La Moine River, many acres of the most productive farmland in the world would be lost.

In summary, I am against building the proposed Macomb Bypass, especially the northwest section. Our tax money could be better spent elsewhere.

Dana Roy Walker



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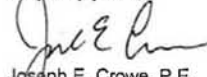
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In your final comments, you mention your opposition to the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


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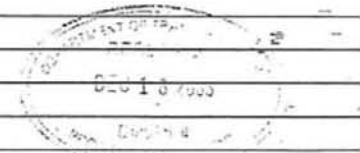
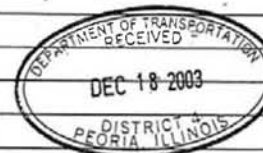
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My comments are:

I feel the south bypass of Macomb would be cheaper. When I talked to one of the representatives at the meeting, they admitted the cost of the road from 900 N Rd to the present Rt 136 was not added onto the cost of the north bypass. This road is part of the north bypass and should have been included in the cost of the north bypass. Also, the north bypass will require crossing the railroad twice and the La Moine River twice. When the south bypass would not need these crossings.



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Mr. Wayne White
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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you asked if the section of the proposed Illinois Route 336 from 900N to US 136 was included in the cost for comparing the northwest and south quadrant corridors. In comparing corridors, a common starting point was utilized at existing US Route 136 at the west edge of Macomb. To use a starting point of comparison, as you suggested on Illinois Route 336, which currently does not exist would not compare equal components. The comparison of the Macomb bypass alternates must stand on their own and not be contingent on other studies, which would skew the analysis.

In your comment letter, you mentioned a comparison of the northwest (NW) and northeast (NE) quadrant corridor to the south corridor. Macomb currently has a north to south highway connection via US 67 and an east to west highway connection via US 136. The purpose of the bypass study was to evaluate a bypass corridor that would accommodate both the east to west and south to north traffic movement. Your suggestion of comparing the south to a NW-NE combination would not provide for all traffic movements. The NW-NE corridor would provide a north to south and east to west traffic movement around Macomb, but the south would provide only the east to west bypass movement.

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In order to provide all traffic movements, the comparison of bypass corridors consisted of a NW-NE combination and a South-NE combination. The Department's traffic study indicated the north to south movement as the highest traffic movement, the west to north second and the east to west third. As you can see, the NE corridor is included in both corridor combinations mentioned above. The south and northwest corridors were compared and the south corridor was eliminated for the following reasons:

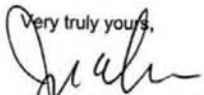
- Longer in length;
- More expensive;
- Longer travel time for west to north movement;
- Greater number of severed parcels;
- Greater agricultural, woodland, and wetland impacts;
- Greater floodplain impacts;
- NW corridor endorsements by the City of Macomb and the McDonough County Board.

In conclusion, extensive analysis and coordination was performed to arrive at the recommended bypass corridor as presented at the Public Hearing. The Department does not intend to re-visit this decision.

Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass and letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
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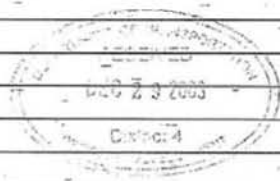
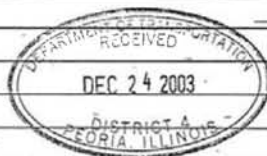
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My comments are:

Great Project !!
Great Location !!
Environment Friendly !!
Great Design !!



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Mayor Mick Wissleand
Mayor of Macomb
City of Macomb
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Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mayor Wissleand:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

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Ms. Sarah Wood
604 Memorial Drive
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for your verbal comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comments to the court reporter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you stated your concern with the alignment being located within a half mile of a reservoir which is the major water supply of Macomb. The Macomb Bypass alignment is located downstream of the reservoir; and therefore, should not have an influence on the water supply of Macomb.

In regard to erosion control, the Department is committed to protecting the roadway and associated right-of-way, adjacent properties, and sensitive environmental and other resources from the effects of erosion. This commitment is reflected in the long-standing policies which require the use of temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control measures. These policies provide compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's regulations, Section 404 Permits issued by the Corps of Engineers, and similar commitments to protect resources made to the Illinois Protection Agency (EPA).

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December 18, 2003

Environment



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Dear Mr. Crowe

Dear Mr. Crowe:

I received your letter dated November 13, 2003, with the enclosed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concerning proposed improvements to US Route 67 (FAP 310) and Illinois Route 336 (FAP 315), Macomb Area Study, McDonough County, Illinois. Rock Island District staff reviewed the information you provided and have the following comments:

Enclosed are comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Program Development Studies & Plan - Phase I Macomb Area Study McDonough County, Illinois. We hope our comments will assist you. Thank you for giving the opportunity to review this document.

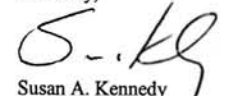
a. Our regulatory staff has no additional comments at this time and will continue to coordinate this action through the National Environmental Policy Act/404 merger process. Stream and wetland impacts will be addressed in permit action when they are ready.

b. This project needs to be continuously coordinated with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to determine if the proposed project may impact areas designated as floodway. Mr. Ron Davis is the Illinois State Hazard Mitigation Officer. His address is: 1035 Outer Park Drive, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62704. You can reach him by calling 217/782-8719.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal. If you need more information, please call Mr. Randy Kraciun of our Economic and Environmental Analysis Branch, telephone 309/794-5174.

You may find additional information about the Corps' Rock Island District on our web site at <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil>. To find out about other Districts within the Corps, you may visit web site: <http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>.

Sincerely,


Susan A. Kennedy
Acting NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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